

*Northwestern & Yeager Roundabout*

## Road Awakening

Public Works Director, Dave Buck, shares progress on several high-impact construction projects that affect where and how residents navigate through West Lafayette.

❶ Northwestern/Yeager Roundabout has been a great project, costing \$2.4 M with federal funding amounting to 80% of the total. The city's first two-lane roundabout was completed 1.5 months early and it came in under budget by over \$350 K. It is working well with fewer accidents than anticipated given that there are around 18,000 vehicles per day through this intersection. Two-lane roundabouts require drivers to be in the correct lane as they come up to the roundabout. Drivers appear to be getting the hang of this one; only four accidents to report, all personal injury, and all less than \$5000 total damage each, with no accidents since September 10. We're very pleased with how it functions especially during game-days.

❷ Cumberland construction in the section between Friendship House and Salisbury Street

began on August 10, and work continues on the Yeager & Cumberland intersection. Vectren crews lowered a 10" gas main at the intersection and construction is progressing on the new roundabout. Unfortunately, road crews hit a major telecommunications duct bank owned by Frontier on October 5. Fiber optic lines were restored within a few hours, but phone line outages affected many customers throughout the city, with nearly all service restored by October 15. This repair did not slow progress on the road project - the road should be open by Thanksgiving. Project cost ~ \$3.6M.

❸ Construction has begun on Yeager Road to widen Yeager from Kalberer to a quarter mile north for the new ARPL (Automotive Robotics Proving Labs) site in Purdue Research Park. The new road will be similar to the portion of Yeager to the south of Kalberer, and utility extension work is being completed by the various utility companies. The road should be reopened in December with all work completed by next spring.

## Day-Before-Thanksgiving Farmers Market

It's your last chance this season to purchase homemade pies, loaves of artisan bread, and fresh fruits and vegetables for a delicious and locally-grown Thanksgiving dinner.

### Sagamore West Farmers Market

Wednesday, November 21  
3 – 5:30 pm  
Cumberland Park





## Mayor's Column

## Proudly We Hail

by Mayor  
John Dennis

We're very proud of the Mayor's Youth Council who researched and created West Lafayette's first city flag. The red area symbolizes the former communities that created

West Lafayette –Kingston, Chauncey, and Jacktown, as well as for West Lafayette Jr. / Sr. High School. The blue area represents the Wabash River and Harrison High School. The white wreath in the center salutes education in both schools and Purdue University, with the gold star representing Indiana. The flag is visible and easy to recognize - the students did a great job of creating a product that can be used forever. Currently, it's flying over City Hall and the Fire Stations, and will eventually be available to schools and residents.

As always, there's a lot happening in the City of West Lafayette. Infrastructure work is winding down for the season. Cumberland Avenue Phase II is all but done; the Yeager/Northwestern Avenue roundabout is finished. We've accomplished a lot this year already and are close to completion with the rest of the projects. There are more projects coming down the road for 2013, such as updating the Navajo and Salisbury Street intersection. This infrastructure upgrade will better handle the traffic from the 70,000 people who use our roads every day.

Coming soon in late November, we will be delivering free 48-gallon recycling carts to every household to boost recycling capacity. It's just another way that we're making a commitment to keep West Lafayette clean and green, and making it easier for you, too. We're also running our curbside leaf pickup on recycling days to take care of all the beautiful autumn leaves that are falling everywhere.

## Parks and Recreation News

**The Paula R. Woods Park** was dedicated on July 16 to honor Paula Woods for her lifetime of distinguished service to West Lafayette. She was a Park Board member for 14 years in addition to being an educator and co-author of several local history books. Formerly known as Centennial Neighborhood Park, the Paula R. Woods Park is located on the corner of Vine and Lawn Streets in the New Chauncey Neighborhood.

**Riverside Skating Center** kicks off its 11th season on November 23 at 1 pm. Public skating sessions run throughout the week, with skating lessons on Saturday mornings, and private skating rental available anytime they're not open to the public. Public skating is \$4/session with a \$2 skate rental fee if you don't own a pair. Punch cards may be purchased at the rink for added convenience and value. Debit and credit cards are now accepted. Check the online schedule at [www.westlafayette.in.gov](http://www.westlafayette.in.gov) for times of sessions, holiday hours, and special events like Santa Skate on December 15 and Dare to Bear on February 1.



**The Wabash Heritage Trail** has been extended by more than 1.5 miles into and through Happy Hollow Park. The paved trail, which is now substantially completed and open to the public, was funded through competitive grants awarded by INDOT with matching local grants from the West Lafayette Redevelopment Commission.

As a follow-up to the trail construction work, several improvements to enhance the safety and convenience of the thousands of people who enjoy Happy Hollow Park are being made. Many new trailhead and interpretive signs are being completed for installation along the trail in West Lafayette, and the construction of the trail connection segment at the southeast corner of the State Street and Tapawingo Drive intersection is underway. An event to commemorate completion of West Lafayette's four miles of the Wabash Heritage Trail network is planned for spring.





## New Mural in Amphitheatre

The West Lafayette Public Library's outdoor amphitheatre is home to a new mural by Craig Martin. Within the colorful landscape are 40 hidden children's authors' names which serve as a beautiful and inspirational backdrop to storytelling and literature at the library. It's a perfect outdoor retreat to read, relax, and recharge.

## Chauncey Village Walkway

Stroll down the alleyway between Underground Printing and Orange Leaf on State Street and become enveloped in the enormous contemporary dual-sided mural by Tom Torluemke titled, "The Delight of Accomplishment." Exploding with color in every direction, it took the artist 44 gallons of paint to complete and is teeming with icons which illustrate a story of growing up in a multi-cultural community, emphasizing family, education, art, music and various symbols - such as an airplane. "When people look at the plane, they may see a particular image and think of travel or war or Purdue's aviation program. You bring your own baggage to the airplane," said Torluemke. Discover what you can see in West Lafayette's newest artistic accomplishment in Chauncey Village.



## Samara Documentary

The premier of an hour-long documentary of Samara, the historic West Lafayette home designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, owned by Dr. John Christian, was held October 4, 2012 at the West Lafayette Public Library. The film was sponsored by Visit Lafayette-West Lafayette and will be available for purchase on Blu Ray from the Samara website, [www.samara-house.org](http://www.samara-house.org).

Built in 1954, SAMARA exhibits the best of Wright architecture, specifically designed for the John Christian family.



The house was named after the samara, a winged seed found in the conifers on the property.



## Fire Department Takes it Off-Road

Thanks to a generous grant from Firehouse Subs, the WLFD received a new all-terrain vehicle which will be used on the 22 miles of trails in West Lafayette in case of fire or medical emergencies. The RTV is equipped with water and foam to extinguish fires where it's not feasible for a fire truck to travel. The dedication was held on October 10 to mark the occasion.



*New RTV donated by Firehouse Subs*

## Campus and Community Partnership Connections

Many efforts address the joint interests between "Town and Gown."

**Breakfast Club** Campus and community members recently observed and assessed health and safety concerns of college students during crowded pre-game festivities.

**Campus Community Bar Retail Coalition** promoting cooperation between bar owners, liquor stores, excise officers, prosecutors, and police departments to keep patrons safe and law-abiding. Jake's Roadhouse was selected as the recipient of the first inaugural CCBRC "Responsible Alcohol Retailer Award."

### Community Partnership Team meetings

presenting Purdue University and Purdue Research Park master plans and City of West Lafayette plans and accomplishments.

Multiple Video Projects with Purdue English Classes – featuring 1) historic buildings and businesses, 2) farmers at the Sagamore West Farmers Market, 3) videos about the Chauncey Village walkway mural: one with comments from the public; and the second one with narrative by the artist explaining the icons in the mural.

Town and Gown

## Beautification Award Winners

**University Place** continues to enhance their attractive landscaping with the addition of a new Enabling Garden for the Health Center residents to enjoy.

**Mike Long** brings uncommon beauty and color to his Blackbird Farms apartment balcony with his extensive knowledge of horticulture and the use of vining plants and Swiss Balcony geraniums.

**Carol and Bruce Sherzer** project a serene Japanese theme in their backyard oasis with iris, azaleas, bedding plants and a trickling water fountain.



*Carol and Bruce Sherzer*



## Changing of the Yard

*Emily Bronte said, "Every leaf speaks bliss to me, fluttering from the autumn tree." Here are some tips from David Downey, Street Commissioner, to keep on top of the leaf pile this fall and prepare for winter.*

**Leaf Relief** Utilize curb pickup during neighborhood recycling days. Rake leaves into a windrow (heaped mound) alongside the curb, keeping it free of brush and debris, and away from storm drains. The schedule is listed online at [www.westlafayette.in.gov](http://www.westlafayette.in.gov). Leaves may also be placed in rigid containers during regularly scheduled yard waste pickup days for your convenience all season long.

**Seasonal Pruning Guide** Fall is a great time to get your yard into shape. Pruning enhances the beauty and life of your shrubs and trees, and keeps walkways, streets, and alleys safe for foot and automobile traffic. Remember to keep tree branches trimmed 8 feet over sidewalks and trails, and 15 feet over streets. Tall people and busses will thank you for it. Don't forget to cut back the shrubs in alleyways to make it easy for sanitation trucks to pass through. Branches less than four inches in diameter and no longer

than four feet in length may be placed all in one direction at the curb for yard waste pickup.

**Snow Patrol** Snow and ice pose safety (and financial) hazards when not removed in a timely fashion. The Neighborhood Resource Team requires that property owners and occupants clear sidewalks within six hours after daylight and after snowfall has ceased in order to provide safe passage for pedestrians and to avoid a \$50/day fine. If you are unable to shovel snow, or will be traveling this winter, be sure to make arrangements for snow removal. Call the NRT with any questions at (765)775-5200.

Don't get plowed in while shoveling your driveway. Pile snow to the right side of your driveway as you face the street to prevent snow plows from blocking you in or out. Also, keep mailboxes accessible and free from snow to allow mail delivery.



## Speak Up

Public input is requested to help identify physical barriers, communication barriers, barriers to accessing programs and services, or other non-compliant issues regarding the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act). Please review the transition plan, located on the City website, and attend the November 15 public hearing at 6:30 pm at City Hall to voice your comments and concerns or email [Pennie Ainsworth, painsworth@westlafayette.in.gov](mailto:painsworth@westlafayette.in.gov).

## Amping Up Recycling Efforts

The City will be delivering free 48-gallon recycling carts to every household in late November to increase total recycling capacity. Please note that you may request a 96-gal. recycling toter instead of the 48-gal. if you need even more space for recyclables. Stay tuned for information regarding delivery schedules and guidelines at [www.westlafayette.in.gov](http://www.westlafayette.in.gov). Call 765-775-5242 with additional questions.



## NEW HIRES

**Brandon Bonnell**  
Police Department  
Probationary Officer

**Nathaniel Foster**  
Police Department  
Probationary Patrol  
Dispatcher

**Michael Greene**  
Police Department  
Probationary Patrol  
Dispatcher

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## Committed to Going Greener



A Tree City USA

Stay connected to all City news at [www.westlafayette.in.gov](http://www.westlafayette.in.gov)

## Leafy Legacy

The Tree Fund's Founders Day will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 13 with a special tree planting in memory of Hugh Henry, a founding member. Many trees were planted this year to replace those that will be lost to emerald ash borer. Please consider donating to the WL Tree Fund to replenish funds. Checks can be sent to City Hall.

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## Let's Go! Event Calendar

### Sagamore West Farmers Market

Pre-Thanksgiving bonus day  
Wednesday | November 21 | 3 - 5:30 pm  
Cumberland Park

### Riverside Skating Center

Opens Friday | November 23  
1 - 3 pm | 4 - 6 pm | 7 - 10 pm  
Tapawingo Park

### Dickens of a Christmas

Saturday | December 1 | 10 am - 6 pm  
Downtown Lafayette - West Lafayette

### 79th Annual Purdue Christmas Show

Saturday | December 1 | noon, 4 & 8 pm  
Sunday | December 2 | 2 pm  
Elliott Hall of Music

### Lafayette-West Lafayette Christmas Parade

Sunday | December 2 | 2 pm  
Route is in Downtown Lafayette only

### 9th Street Hill Luminaria

December 22 - 24 | 6 pm

### Drug Drop-off

Thursdays | 11:30 am - 1:30 pm  
December 13  
January 10  
February 14  
West Lafayette Police Station

### City Hall CLOSED

November 12  
November 22 & 23  
December 24 & 25  
January 1  
January 21  
February 18

